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2008 Environment Awards honours those who share a commitment to our Environment

The City of Saint John Environment Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Environment Awards. In conjunction with Environment Week, which runs from June 1- 7 this year, the awards are presented to nominees who, in the past year, have made a significant contribution to the enhancement of the environment of The City of Saint John.

The winners of the 2008 City of Saint John Environment Awards are:

- Fundy Linen Services – Energy Reduction Program
- The Blue Run – Curb-side Recycling Service
- Active Transportation Saint John – Championing Active Transportation

His Worship Mayor Ivan Court will present awards to the three 2008 winners at Common Council on Monday, June 9, following Environment Week.

"As we as a City work towards our goal of becoming a sustainable community, our recipients have demonstrated that environmental stewardship is a responsibility for everyone," says environment committee advisor, Craig Campbell.

This year, instead of a traditional plaque, recipients will be awarded wooden bowls, hand turned from found wood by Peter Kinsella of Rothesay, N.B.

2008 City of Saint John Environment Award Winners

Fundy Linen Services
Last year, Fundy Linen Services completed an energy reduction program. Upgrades and changes to existing technology reduced water consumption by over eight million gallons per year, and also reduced greenhouse gas emissions by over 1,000 tonnes annually.

Two Washex tunnel washers that require less water to operate were installed as well as a Performance program by Ecolab, that kills bacteria at a lower temperature.

The company also made the switch from furnace oil to natural gas and also installed two new vapour power thermal water heaters, efficiently increasing water temperature 23% more rapidly.

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Because Fundy Linen operates as a hospital laundry there are strict standards for infection control. All operating room scrubs, drapes and gowns are computer monitored for quality. Any items with holes or tears are sterilized and recycled into rags to avoid the landfill.

The Blue Run

The Blue Run, which started about one year ago, operates on Saturday mornings. This small company offers a curb-side recycling service for a small fee.

While the majority of customers are residential, there are a growing number of commercial customers. Currently the material collected is mostly "lunchroom" recyclables.

Active Transportation Saint John

This group is committed to a real and significant transformation on municipal streets in Saint John. Active Transportation Saint John (ATSJ) has been a champion towards the adoption of bicycle routes and bike lanes on roadways, but also supports other forms of active transportation.

Key supporters include Saint John Transit, Saint John Parking, and the staff of City of Saint John Municipal Operations including the Traffic Crew.

About the City of Saint John Environment Committee

The Environment Committee provides advice and recommendations to Common Council on a variety of environment and development related matters. In dealing with matters associated with pollution, the Committee works through appropriate municipal, provincial and federal agencies. The Committee also makes appearances and presentations before other environmental agencies or bodies regarding environmental concerns.

About Canadian Environment Week

For more than thirty years, Canadian Environment Week has been held the first week of June each year to coincide with World Environment Day, established by the United Nations in 1972 and celebrated on June 5. Clean Air day is celebrated on June 6 to promote clean air and good health across Canada.

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